

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention is a method and apparatus for processing decompressed images. More particularly, this invention relates to methods and apparatus which process
5 images without requiring information on whether the image was previously compressed or how the image was compressed. Quantization values of each image block of a decompressed image are determined a compression method used to compress a decompressed image to be processed is identified. The method and apparatus of this invention is particularly useful to determine if a decompressed image
10 was previously compressed using a JPEG compression technique by retrieving DCT coefficients and determining quantization values to determine original DCT coefficients of a compressed and decompressed image.

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